



Print Motivation

To develop and maintain the motivation to read, children need to:

- appreciate the **pleasures** of reading
- view reading as a **social** act to be shared with others
- see reading as an opportunity to explore their **interests**
- read widely for a variety of **purposes**, from enjoyment to gathering information
- become comfortable with different written formats and **genres**

To help develop print motivation:

- Make book-sharing a special time between you and your child. Get comfortable and cozy.
- Let your child see you reading and enjoying reading.
- Visit your public library often. Make it a special night or day of the week and make a big deal about it.
- Let children pick out books they want to read or have read to them.
- Subscribe to a magazine that your child is interested in.
- Scatter books throughout your house -- not just in your child's bedroom. If books are handy, they are more likely to be picked up.
- Make book sharing a fun time for you and your child.

Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read and are more likely to become lifelong readers.